

**Amendment No. 3 to HB0474**

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title, 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 68-11-255. The department of health, in conjunction with the department of children's services and the department of education, shall establish, promote and administer a comprehensive program to raise public awareness of the incidents of infant abandonment and to provide information and intervention services for parents of unwanted, unborn infants and newborn infants. At a minimum, the program must provide the following services:

- (a) An outreach campaign utilizing print, radio, and television public service announcements, advertisements, posters and other materials;
- (b) Educational seminars in community forums;
- (c) Information on adoption and foster care programs;
- (d) Assessing and targeting at-risk populations;
- (e) Providing reliable information to policymakers;
- (f) Ensuring that members of the professional medical community and emergency medical services providers are clearly designated and publicly known as safe havens for temporarily surrendering newborn infants;
- (g) Distributing information through county health departments, schools, churches, physicians, health maintenance organizations,

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emergency medical services providers, women's groups, nonprofit organizations, community health organizations, community-based organizations and departmental regional offices;

(h) Incorporating into the elementary and secondary school health education curriculum for grades seven (7) through twelve (12), information on teen pregnancy prevention, prenatal counseling, health services, adoption, foster care, family planning services and the provisions of this act;

(i) Adoption counseling services for the parents of unwanted, unborn and newborn infants; and

(j) Any additional services the department of health or the department of children's services deems necessary to effectuate the purposes of the program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.